

## **United States Department of the Interior**

## **BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT**

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## Dear Reader:

Enclosed for your review is the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)/Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Headwaters Forest Reserve Management Plan (RMP). The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and RMP was published in May 2002, and was followed by a 90 day public comment period. Changes based upon public comments and agency reviews have been incorporated into this document and all portions of the Draft RMP have been reprinted in order to portray these changes. Comments and responses are contained in Chapter 7 of the FEIS.

The FEIS contains the proposed RMP, which is a refinement of the preferred alternative presented in the draft. The proposed plan is the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) proposed action.

All parts of this proposed plan may be protested. Protest should be sent to the following address:

Director (210), Bureau of Land Management,

Attention: Brenda Williams

P.O Box 66538

Washington, D.C. 20035

The overnight address (fedex or usps) for next day delivery:

Director (210), Bureau of Land Management, Attention: Brenda Williams 1620 L Street, N.W., Suite 1075 Washington, D.C. 20036

Faxed protests will be considered as potential valid protests provided (1) that a signed faxed letter is received by the Washington Office protest coordinator by the closing date of the protest period and (2) that the protesting party also provides the original letter by either regular or overnight mail postmarked by the close of the protest period.

Please direct faxed protests to: **BLM Protest Coordinator** (202) 452-5112

Protests should be filed with the Director within the official 30-day review period following the publication of this document's Notice of Availability (NOA) in the Federal Register. anticipated that the NOA will appear October 10, 2003 with a protest filing deadline of November 10, 2003. A protest should contain the following information:

The name, mailing address, telephone number, and interest of the person filing the protest.

- A statement of the issue or issues being protested.
- A Statement of the part or parts being protested.
- A copy of all documents addressing the issue or issues that you submitted during the planning process or a reference to the date the issue or issues were discussed by you for the record.
- A short concise statement explaining why the BLM State Director decision is believed to be incorrect.

At the end of the 30-day protest period, the proposed plan, excluding any portions under protest, shall become the final. Approval shall be withheld on any portion of the plan under protest until final action has been completed on such protest. The Final Resource Management Plan and Record of Decision will be published this fall.

Sincerely,

Lynda J. Roush Field Manager